

Soi Lek against MCA's 3-in-1 resolution, says meeting should be about cabinet posts only
Malaysian Insider

Feb 13, 2014

BY EILEEN NG

With MCA expected to have another extraordinary general meeting (EGM), Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek (pic) is against the proposed three-in-one resolution for the Chinese party to rejoin Barisan Nasional in local, state and federal levels.

The former president said the upcoming EGM, speculated to be held on February 23 in conjunction with the party's anniversary, should only be confined to a resolution for the party leaders to take up cabinet posts.

This is because the central delegates had voted for its party leaders to rejoin the government at state and local council levels at the last EGM held on October 20 but decided against its leaders taking up cabinet posts.

"This resolution is packaged in such a way to ensure the federal posts are approved and to improve their chances. As such, everyone in and outside MCA can see Liow is in a hurry to be a minister," he said in an interview, referring to his successor Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai.

Liow had repeatedly claimed that there were calls for the party to take up federal posts to help voice out the community's needs and aspirations more effectively, including suggesting good and fair government policies.

Members at the party's annual general assembly last December had also made their feelings on the subject clear, saying that it did not augur well for the party not to have a say in government policies and decisions.

MCA secretary-general Ong Ka Chuan had announced that the party had received the backing of 1,861, or 78.2%, of the central delegates to convene an EGM to decide whether its leaders should take up posts at all three levels.

This is after EGM requisitionists Datuk Dr Mah Hang Soon, Ng Chok Sin and Chia Song Cheng had submitted the three-in-one resolution to the leadership.

Despite Dr Mah claiming that delegates wanted the EGM, Dr Chua claimed that many delegates had signed the requisition as they were “not bothered”.

“Lots of people called me and said they were not bothered, they just signed for the sake of it. The party leaders should be happy and sad at the same time – happy because everyone signed but they should also be cautious that people don’t care,” he said, acknowledging that it is a worrying sign.

He said the EGM is obviously to pave the way for Liow and other leaders to take up the posts of minister or deputy minister.

“Liow, as president, will be minister, so congratulations, that’s the whole idea why he’s in a hurry. But question is, can he deliver? Can he walk the talk?”

“Chinese support for MCA has gone downhill even in recent years when we have many ministers, so now if tell me you can change MCA fortunes, you are not a human, you are godsend to save MCA,” he said in his trademark sarcastic humour.

He also took a swipe at his successor, saying that Liow had talked about reviving the party but has nothing to show to date.

“He talks about reform but it’s all slogan. What has he done? It’s all talk. For the sake of MCA, I hope there are people who advised that talks and slogans won’t do. He has to deliver and be inclusive,” he said. – February 13, 2014.

Hakcipta © 2013 The Malaysian Insider

Source:

<http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/soi-lek-against-mcas-3-in-1-resolution-says-meeting-should-be-about-cabinet>